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FOR FURTHER ACTION

See paragraph 2 below

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28.03.2005

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31.03.2004

International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC

Applicant

SUNTORY LIMITED

1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
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Box No. 1

Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
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_____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
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Box No. IV

Lack of unity of invention

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Document

JP 2004-35474 A (Suntory Ltd.)

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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Novelty (N)

Claims 1, 3-8, 10, 12, 13

YES

Claims

NO

Inventive step (IS)

Claims 1, 3-8, 10, 12, 13

YES

Claims

NO

Industrial applicability (IA)

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1. Statement

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